**Meeting Notes** 

**PAYT Workgroup Meeting** 

7/7/2020

In attendance:

Tom Darling	Yes	Laurie Bent	Yes
Philip Saunders	Yes	Elisabeth DePietro	Yes
Jacquelyn Jackson	Yes	David Ayer	Yes
Julia Greene	Yes	Leon Gaumond	Yes
Tom Cullen	Yes		

#### **Public Comment:**

Mary Ellen Sikes was concerned about the increase contamination of recycle material due the introduction of PAYT.

Rich Devito asked why was the town considering PAYT and was concerned of illegal dumping, specifically in his business dumpster.

### Minutes:

The 2/25/2020 minutes were presented. Motion to approve by David Ayer, seconded by Phil Saunders. Passed unanimously.

## **Update:**

Chair Laurie Bent provided an update on the workgroups progress and previous recommendations to the Select Board. The recommendations were to implement fees for bulky waste in 2020 and a PAYT program in 2021.

## **Bulky Waste:**

Julia Greene presented potential timelines of implementing the bulky waste fees and the PAYT program in 2021. The group focused on the bulky waste and had a discussion on what approval process path was appropriate. After discussion it was determined the Select Board sets fees at the Transfer Station and that any proposed fee change would need to be approved by them.

The group had a discussion concerning the swap shed and the inability to utilize it due to the COVID-19 restrictions. A virtual swap shed was discussed that could potentially be hosted on the town website. Another alternative to the shed is coordinating with the Homeless Coalition or the Salvation Army is an effort to place unwanted items before they reach the transfer station.

A critical component of any change at the transfer station is advance notification and education of the residents.

**Motion:** Tom Darling moved that the PAYT working group recommend to the Select Board that the transfer station begin to charge a fee for Bulky Items January 1, 2021. Elisabeth DePietro seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Jacquelyn Jackson and Tom Cullen were asked to survey surrounding towns on the fees that they charge and present a recommendation on what Weston should charge.

David Ayer to research the cost and hardware needed to utilize credit card payments at the transfer station.

Laurie Bent plans on presenting to the Select Board on July 28.

# **Composting:**

Group discussed providing bins from Black Earth at the transfer station as a service to Weston residents. Jacquelyn Jackson and Tom Cullen were asked to investigate feasibility and cost.

## **Next Meeting:**

August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00

Discussion Items: Implementing the Bulky Item Fees

Weigh As You Throw Systems